

CLAIMS

1. A repository, for a plurality of objects, comprising:
a body for supporting simultaneously a plurality of objects including a mobile
5 phone and at least one other object;
wireless communication means for communicating with at least one of the
plurality of objects; and
a user interface responsive to the wireless communication means for
providing information to a user.
- 10 2. A repository as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless communication
means is arranged to detect proximal objects by communication therewith.
- 15 3. A repository as claimed in claim 2, wherein the wireless communication
means comprises a LPRF transceiver.
4. A repository as claimed in claim 2, wherein the wireless communication
means comprises an RFID detector.
- 20 5. A repository as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless communication
means transfers data from an object.
6. A repository as claimed in claim 5, wherein the wireless communication
means comprises a LPRF transceiver.
- 25 7. A repository as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless communication
means comprises a LPRF transceiver for detecting proximal objects by
communication therewith and for transferring data from a proximal object.
- 30 8. A repository as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a memory; and a
processor for controlling a display of the user interface to display the
transferred data.

9. A repository as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a shelf.

5 10. A repository according to claim 1, having a substantially planer support surface.

11. A repository according to claim 1 comprising a display for displaying information received from the mobile phone.

10 12. A repository as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wireless communication means identifies an object that has been removed from the repository.

15 13. A repository as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a processor responsive to the communication means for activating an alert in the user interface.

14. A repository as claimed in claim 13, wherein the processor is arranged to activate the alert when a first object has been removed from the repository but a second object has not been removed.

20 15. A repository as claimed in claim 13, wherein the processor is arranged to activate the alert in dependence upon data transferred via the communication means to the repository and the removal of a first object from the repository.

25 16. A repository comprising: a body having a support surface for supporting simultaneously a plurality of objects including a mobile telephone and at least one other object, and charging circuitry, within the body, for recharging a mobile telephone.